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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116 AND NOTICE OF APPEAL

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action of December 30, 2003.

Applicants also hereby appeal to the Board of Patent Appeal and Interferences from the decision of the primary Examiner of December 30, 2003, finally rejecting claims 25-49. The Commissioner is hereby authorised to charge payment of the \$330.00 fee for the Notice of Appeal to Deposit Account No. 18-1171.

The Commissioner is hereby petitioned under 37 CFR §1.136(a) to grant a one month-extension of time needed for timely response to the Office Action in the above-identified application, and the Commissioner is authorised to charge Deposit Account. No. 18-1171 the amount of \$110.00 to cover the fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(a).

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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL AND NOTICE OF APPEAL

The Commissioner is hereby authorised to charge any payment associated with this

communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 18-1171.

In this connection, the Commissioner is in particular hereby authorized to charge

payment of:

- any additional filing fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.16, and

- any patent application processing fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.17, to Deposit Account No.

18-1171.

Reconsideration of the outstanding rejection is respectfully requested in light of the

following amendment and remarks.

Please amend the above referenced application as follows:

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